

California Consensus Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2008
Caltrans Headquarters * Room 2116

Present for Conference Call: Will Kempton, Director, Caltrans
Ken De Crescenzo, Federal Liaison, Caltrans
Jerry Jeffe, Caltrans COG
Nathan Smith, DOTP, Caltrans
Doug Jeffe, Granite Construction
Dennis Wade, Air Resources Board
Lezlie Kimura, Air Resources Board
Scott Sauer, Caltrans, DMT
Jeff Brown, California Senate
Kenn Hanley, Caltrans, Director's Office
Terry Abbott, Caltrans, Design
Jay Norvell, Caltrans, Engineering
Jesse Bhullar, Caltrans, Traffic

The conference call was opened at 2:02 p.m. by Caltrans Director Will Kempton followed by a roll call of participants.

Progress on Adoption of Document

Ken De Crescenzo outlined the agenda and reviewed where we are in the process and consensus of the Authorization document and supporting Principles, currently at 21. Ken made a request of county agencies to think about whom else might be included as potential endorsements. We would like to get county and city endorsements. He asked for help of participants in working with their city endorsements, commenting that we would like to work with them in getting that process going.

Will added that he thought securing endorsements was a very significant part of the process. He commented that he could not stress how important this endorsement part is, to be able to present the document in a fully endorsed fashion. A caller responded saying that he would be very happy to take the Principles to his Board (of Supervisors).

Will made a request that endorsements be documented and sent to Ken.

AASHTO Progress

The organization has chosen to break up into several legislative teams to talk about modes. There is a team for transit, a team for freight, an inter-city rail group; and a funding and finance team.

Will made additional comment to further encourage participants to seek support, endorsement of the Principles. There is a draft of the Principles at this point, which could be made available for review. There were requests for Will's testimony to Barbara Boxer on September 3, with response that ability to comply with the requests would require further determination.

Communication Planning

Ken anticipated the first markup would be available in March. He will be e-mailing the schedule that covers the next four months. His to do list included the following.

1. Get final groups listed on these Principles.
2. Archiving consensus on the fact sheets.
3. Setting up agendas for first briefings in D.C.

Doug Jeffe made a suggestion to do some district meetings in November and December. Will thought this was an excellent idea. He again emphasized the importance of seeking support of the Principles from commissions, boards, and other agencies.

The call was closed by 2:45 p.m.